

I support Dr Grygier's proposal to suppress the generic name *Thaumatoessa* Kroyer in Gaimard, [1842]. The genus appeared under the currently universally used name *Thaumaleus* in Kroyer's own (1849) work. The valid generic names included in the order Monstrilloida should be given as *Monstrilla* Dana, 1849, *Thaumaleus* Kroyer, 1849, and probably also *Thespesiopsyllus* Sars, 1921.

Comment on the proposal to remove the homonymy between BRACHYPTERINAE Erichson, [1845] (Insecta, Coleoptera) and BRACHYPTERINAE Zwick, 1973 (Insecta, Plecoptera), and proposed precedence of KATERETIDAE Ganglbauer, 1899 over BRACHYPTERINAE Erichson, [1845]
(Case 2865; see BZN 51: 309–311; 52: 179–181, 335–336)

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I support the application (BZN 51: 309–311) to remove the homonymy of the family-group names based on *Brachypterus* Kugelann, 1794 (Coleoptera) and *Brachyptera* Newport, 1848 (Plecoptera) by retaining BRACHYPTERINAE Erichson, 1845 in Coleoptera and changing Zwick's (1977) junior name in Plecoptera.

I do feel, however, that giving precedence to the family-group name KATERETIDAE over BRACHYPTERINAE Erichson (BZN 52: 179–181) is not justified. Prof Newton's comment (BZN 52: 335–336) shows that the name BRACHYPTERINAE has been used within the last 50 years. In addition to the three recent uses that he cites, Cooter (1995, *Coleopterist*, 4: 37) also accepted this name which, as BRACHYPTERINA, is familiar to British coleopterists who still use Fowler's century-old *Coleoptera of the British Isles* as a standard work. As the family-group concerned was generally regarded as a subfamily of the NITIDULIDAE, the latter containing many species of economic importance, the reversion back to the older BRACHYPTERIDAE, rather than KATERETIDAE, will not affect the economic literature since this group, as far as I am aware, contains no species of economic importance. That taxonomists can rapidly revert to the older name is shown by the three recent references cited by Newton.

Pakaluk, Ślipiński & Lawrence (1994) mention the family name CERCIDAE Chenu & Desmarest, 1851 (based on *Cercus* Latreille, 1796, a junior synonym of *Kateretes* Herbst, 1793). CERCIDAE also has priority over KATERETIDAE.

The type species designation for *Kateretes* appears to date from Audisio (1993). I have seen three earlier designations (for *Cateretes* and *Catheretes*: Westwood, [1838–1840]; Hope, 1840; Thomson, 1859) but none is valid since the species designated was not one of those included by Herbst (1793) or listed in synonymy. It is possible that other overlooked designations exist which threaten the current concept of *Kateretes*.

I agree with Newton and suggest upholding the current priority of BRACHYPTERIDAE over the other homonymous and synonymous names.